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SUBJECT: PERU ON SEEKING SUPPORT FOR OAS COLOMBIA MISSION

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D/Polcouns presented the demarche on contributing to the OAS Mission in Colombia to Foreign Ministry Multilateral Political and Security Affairs Director Julio Garro on 11/23. Garro noted that Peru had been a strong supporter of this OAS Mission when it was first proposed, and continued to believe in the fundamental importance of the demobilization process. He said that the U.S. points in support of the Colombia Mission would receive due consideration within the Ministry, but that there was little funding currently available to support this type of initiative, and he sincerely doubted that Peru would be able to contribute either funding or personnel. Post will stay in contact with Garro, and will advise if there is any change in the prospects for a Peruvian contribution.
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